



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Transportation & Public Works

Date: May 13, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

Subject: **Intercity Trail Cooperative Agreement**

Recommendation:

- Authorize the proper City officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Three Rivers Park District and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board with the following major terms:
 - Authorize up to \$83,300 to Three Rivers Park District for reconstruction of the Old Cedar Frontage Road between East 58th Street and Edgewater Boulevard and for East 58th Street between 18th Avenue South and the Old Cedar Frontage Road (Funding Code 04100-9010937-CPV1456EDGE).
 - Within its corporate limits, the City of Minneapolis will own the Intercity Trail.
 - This agreement serves as a limited use permit for Three Rivers Park District to construct the Intercity Trail within city right-of-way.
 - The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will maintain the Intercity Trail for its 20-year useful life of the trail north of the Bloomington Avenue Bridge and Three Rivers Park District will maintain the trail south of the Bloomington Avenue Bridge.

Previous Directives:

- June 5, 2012; T and PW; Approve resolution supporting the Intercity Regional Trail Master Plan prepared by Three Rivers Park District.
- June 5, 2012; T and PW; Approve the layout for the Minneapolis portion of the trail.
- June 5, 2012; Authorize the execution of cooperative agreements with Three Rivers Park District to construct a trail within City right-of-way and with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to operate and maintain the trail.

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan - Funded within existing appropriation for the Edgewater/Cedar Ave Resurfacing Program (04100-9010937-CPV1456EDGE).

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification – Communities meetings were held prior to layout approval.
- City Goals:
 - Living well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life.
 - Great places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

Supporting Information

The Intercity Trail is a 7-mile long bicycling and walking trail from the Old Cedar Bridge in Bloomington to Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis. There are connections to the Mall of America and to the Target/Home Depot shopping area in Richfield. The project is a partnership between Three Rivers Park District, the City of Bloomington, the City of Richfield, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Hennepin County, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

In 2010, Three Rivers Park District was awarded \$5.5 million in federal SAFETEA-LU Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding from the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation to complete this project. Three Rivers Park District is providing the 20% local match including the design and engineering. The total project cost is \$8.79 million. State and regional grant funding will be pursued to supplement Three Rivers Park District's contribution. The project design was based on a master planning process that included public input. The master planning process concluded in 2012 with the City of Minneapolis approving the layout for the project. Three Rivers Park District has taken the lead on the design and construction of the project.

Cooperative Agreement

Executing a cooperative agreement between the City of Minneapolis, Three Rivers Park District, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will allow for Three Rivers Park District to construct the trail on City of Minneapolis right-of-way along the Cedar Avenue Frontage Road and along East 58th Street. The agreement will also define that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be responsible for routine and long-term maintenance along the trail.

Below are specific terms and conditions within the draft agreement:

- The City agrees to authorize up to \$83,300 to be appropriated to Three Rivers Park District for reconstruction of the Old Cedar Frontage Road between East 58th Street and Edgewater Boulevard and for East 58th Street between 18th Avenue South and the Old Cedar Frontage Road.
- The City is agreeing that design and construction of the trail and associated structures and road crossings will be in accordance with the 1) Typical Trail Sections in the Intercity Regional Trail Master Plan, 2) the layout earlier approved by the Minneapolis City Council, 3) standards and guidelines adopted by Three Rivers Park District, 4) STP grant requirements and 5) City of Minneapolis design standards.
- The City and Park Board are agreeing that they will not construct, nor grant others the right to construct any structures or improvements within the trail footprint, associated clear zones, and trail support areas, which are inconsistent with the Trail or affect the enjoyment or safe use of the trail during its useful life, which is defined as 20 years.
- The City of Minneapolis is agreeing that within its corporate limits, the City will own the Trail.
- This agreement further serves as an irrevocable limited use permit for the purposes of constructing, operating, and owning the trail. If another project requires the removal of the trail for a public purpose within the 20-year useful life of the trail,

then the trail shall be relocated nearby by the agency invoking the change for any and all trail segments within the City of Minneapolis corporate limits and public right of way south of Trunk Highway 62.

- The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will operate and maintain the trail north of the Bloomington Avenue Bridge once completed. Three Rivers Park District will maintain the trail south of the Bloomington Avenue Bridge.

The project is currently programmed for construction to start in summer 2014.